More than 75 school personnel participated in the training held in Hickory on Nov. 16-17 and in Greenville on Nov. 28-30. The institute today and Wednesday in Raleigh is the final training session for the year.

"The Military Child Education Coalition sincerely thanks Gov. Easley for his continued leadership and commitment," said Mary Keller, Executive Director of the Military Child Education Coalition. "His heartfelt example encourages all educators and community members to be informed, active advocates for the military children in this state. As a result of Gov. Easley's leadership, North Carolina is truly a model of statewide support for families that serve."

North Carolina is home to the fourth largest number of military personnel in the nation, about 123,000 including members of the National Guard and Reserves. Currently, more than 23,000 active military personnel and members of the National Guard and Reserves based in North Carolina are on deployment, according to the U.S. Department of Defense.

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